

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TENNESSEE FOR THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT MEMBER

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PAMELA DIANE STARK,

Plaintiff/Respondent,

VS.

No. CT-002958-18 Division VIII

JOE EDWARD STARK,

Defendant/Petitioner.

## ORDER ON PETITION FOR RESTRAINING ORDER PURSUANT TO TENNESSEE RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE RULE 65.03

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019 before the Honorable Robert S. Weiss, Judge of Division VIII of the Circuit Court of Shelby County, Tennessee on the Petition for Restraining Order Pursuant to Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 65.03 filed January 15, 2019, testimony of Petitioner, arguments of counsel for Petitioner and argument of the Respondent and on the record as a whole, the Court finds as follows:

- 1. The parties were married on May 28, 2013 and separated on June 18, 2018.
- 2. During the course of the marriage there have been two other Complaints for Divorce filed which were both voluntarily dismissed after about seven months.
- 3. Subsequent to filing the original Complaint for Divorce, Wife sought leave and filed an Amended Complaint for Divorce to add allegations of Interspousal Tort on November 28, 2018.
- 4. At the time of the filing of the Complaint for Divorce the Notice to the Parties of Mandatory Injunctions Issued was also filed which provided, in part, as follows:

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- (3) Each party is restrained from harassing, threatening, assaulting or abusing the other and from making disparaging remarks about the other in the presence or to either party's employer.
- (6) This injunction shall not preclude either party from applying to the Court for further temporary orders, and expanded injunction or modifications or revocation of this temporary injunction.
- 5. In spite of the injunctions Ms. Stark contacted Petitioner's direct supervisor in the Memphis Police Department and sent correspondence to Mayor Strickland, his overall supervisor.
- 6. In addition Ms. Stark posted a message on Facebook on December 14, 2018 critical of the Memphis Police Department and referencing an allegation of domestic assault against her Petitioner.
- 7. The allegations of assault have been referred to a special prosecutor and are being addressed through the proper channels.
- 8. Ms. Stark is aware of the potential effect on the allegations and the public posting of same on his reputation and his employment.
- 9. That the sole purpose of making the post and contacting his employer was to harass the Petitioner directly in contravention of the mandatory injunction.
- 10. Ms. Stark put on no defense proof only arguing that she had a right to post the statements.

## IT IS THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that:

1. The Petition for Restraining Order Pursuant to Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 65.03 is granted.

- 2. The Respondent, Pamela Stark, shall remove the December 14, 2018 Facebook post immediately.
- 3. The Respondent, Pamela Stark, shall be further enjoined from making any other public allegations against the Petitioner, Joe Stark, on social media (on any platform) or to his employer which may affect Petitioner's reputation or employment.
  - 4. Petitioner's prayer for attorney's fees is reserved.

HONORABLE ROBERT S. WEISS

Date: 2/13/19

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the above order was mailed, postage prepaid, to the parties of record at the addresses shown in the file, or, if they were represented, to their attorney of record at his or her last known address.

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